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IN THIS ISSUE

J. A. P. OSWALD is on the staff of the Methodist Boys School, Kuala Lumpur, and a member of the Tamil Church, K. L. He was formerly the principal of the Anglo Chinese School, Parit Buntar. At the last session of the Malaya Annual Conference he was chosen as the Lay Leader.

BURR BAUGHMAN writes the account of the Home Missionary Society's (H.M.S.) work in Pahang which he has supervised.

HOMER CHENG was the Lay Delegate from the Malaysia Chinese Conference to the General Conference in America last May. He has already given our readers an article on his impressions of America and now adds one on England.

RAGNAR ALM is in charge of our work in the city of Medan, Sumatra. We welcome him as one of our Staff Correspondents. He has contributed the account on p. 15 of an Inter-Church Conference in Palembang.

WALDO S. REINOEHL is the pastor of the Wesley Church, Singapore. He is Chairman of the Conference committee on Evangelism, and as Chairman of the all-Malaya Committee on the four-year programme "For Christ and His Church", he has contributed an article on that subject in this issue.

ATTENTION

It is absolutely necessary that all main articles must be in the hands of the Editors by the beginning of the month if they are to appear in that month's issue. Short news items and personals can be accepted up until the 5th of the month.

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PLEASE

To our request sent out in letter form to Pastors and School principals asking for important dates on their calendars we have had few replies. Will you please cooperate by sending in your dates at once?

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Oct. 1 Wesley W. S. C. S. Annual Bazaar.

Oct. 3 World Communion Sunday.

Oct. 4 Trinity College Opening Date.

Oct. 9 Bukit Mertajam Chinese Church Youth Rally.

Oct. 13 Sitiawan A.C.S. Parents' Day.

Oct. 19 Sitiawan A.C.S. Variety Concert in aid of new Science Laboratory.

Nov. 6-13 Singapore MYF Week.

Nov. 7 Bukit Mertajam Chinese Church dedication of new playground and church library.

NOTICE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS

Beginning with this issue the work of the Business Manager has been taken over by *The Malaysia Message* office. This will simplify the work of the office and will bring everything under the Editor.

The Editor wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Rev. Edward S. Lau for his work as Business Manager during 1947 and 1948, in the period of the re-establishment of the magazine, and to thank the Methodist Book Room Office staff, in particular Mr. Tan Keng Kiang for their assistance with posting, distribution, and the collection of subscriptions.

Meditation Resources

"Seek a convenient time of leisure for thyself, and meditate often upon God's loving kindness."
—Thomas a Kempis.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.
—Psalm 15.

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"Let us then labour for an inward stillness—
An inward stillness and an inward healing;
That perfect silence, where lips and heart
Are still, and we no longer entertain
Our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions,
But God alone speaks in us, and we wait
In singleness of heart, that we may know
His will, and in the silence of our spirits
That we may do his will, and do that only."
—Samuel Longfellow

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"Begin all your prayers, be they mental or vocal, with the presence of God, and make no exception to this rule," counsels Francis de Sales. *"I set the Lord always in my sight,"* says the Psalmist.

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"The spiritual man lives in the constant presence of the invisible and eternal and this is a real and unchanging and ever-living Presence. Yet man's task is a recurrent, temporal process; it is an ever-renewed achievement . . . . It can only be solved in the light of an unseen, yet profoundly real, world." —Sears

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"Let holy thoughts be ours when sleep o'ertakes us;
Our earliest thoughts be Thine when morning wakes us;
All day serve Thee, in all that we are doing
Thy praise pursuing." —Petrus Herbert

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"Meditation is . . . a spiritual act as definite and purposeful as a business engagement, a pledge of friendship, or a solemn undertaking. In it we apply spiritual facts and principles to ourselves as individualists and as citizens of the Kingdom of God. We draw out their bearing upon the particular concrete conditions of our own life and its problems. Having pondered them, we seek to appropriate their value by an outgoing of our loving desire toward God, and by exercising our will in the forming of resolutions. A good meditation always issues in a renewal of our vows from some fresh angle; we once again commit ourselves to God, and pledge ourselves to His service under the impulsion of the new thought or insight that has come to us, and in definite relation to the duty of the hour."
—E. Herman

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"Because thou went strayed, as a vagabond, from thine own heart, so He, who is everywhere, laid hold on thee, and recalled thee to thine inward self . . . What then thou would'st not have done to thee, do not to another. Thou decidest it to be evil, in that thou would'st not endure it, and the inward law, written in thy very heart forces thee to know this." —Augustine

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"Religious experience . . . has too often been identified with the understanding of an intellectual system or with the ecstacy of a contemplative rapture, rather than with the enhancement of the whole self as it is caught up into communion and inspired by the abounding life of the Eternal. Religion at its fullest is not passive but creative: in it worship and work are one: by it we live eternally."
—Canon Raven

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"Though earth and man were gone,
And suns and universes cease to be,
And Thou wert left alone,
Every existence would exist in Thee."

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"True purity, I thought, was something far more than the narrow meaning often given to it. It meant keeping oneself, as the Bible says, altogether unspotted from the world, free from all tyranny and stain, whether of flesh or spirit, defying the universe to touch even the outworks of the sanctuary which is one's soul. It must be defiant, not the inert, fragile crystal, but the supple, shining sword." —John Buchan

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"Sum up at night what thou hast done by day,
And in the morning what thou hast to do;
Dress and undress thy soul, mark the decay
And growth of it; if with thy watch that too
Be down, then wind up both, since we shall be
Most surely judged, make thy accounts agree."
—George Herbert

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Prayer

"O Almighty God, give to thy servant a meek and gentle spirit, that I may be slow to anger and easy to mercy and forgiveness. Let me ever be courteous and easy to be entreated. Let no sickness or cross accident, no employment or weariness make me angry or ungentle or discontented or unthankful, or uneasy to them that minister to me; but in all things make me like unto the holy Jesus. AMEN." —Jeremy Taylor

(Suggestions to our Readers: Do not read this page at one sitting. Turn to it again and again. Read the Psalm and the prayer each time and then meditate on one of the quotations, be it verse or prose. Only so can the fullest use be made of such a page of Resources.—Ed.)

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EDITORIAL

NEVERTHELESS

ONE OF THE BOOKS EVERY CHRISTIAN ought to own is a good concordance. A very interesting method of Bible study is to browse through a concordance, picking out a word here and there and seeing the many ways in which it is used in the Bible. Every now and then one comes across a word which claims attention. For a long time the word "Nevertheless" has been such a word in the writer's experience. Let me suggest that the reader look up the following passages: Hebrews 12:11, Luke 5:5, II Corinthians 7:5-6, and Mark 14:36.

Have you ever stopped to think how great an element of paradox there is in our lives? Just when we think that all is fine, then something unpredictable turns up and makes our great snug logic look foolish. There is much in life that is fair and lovely and sublime, but it is also true that an element in it is cruel and bitter. Sometimes we are so proud of ourselves as human beings that we like to say with the Psalmist that we are *"but a little lower than the angels,"* but it is also true that we can forget the angel state and sink lower than the beasts. We love to read the passages in which Christ tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light: yet, it is the hardest thing in the world to be a Christian. We speak of God as Providence—a word which means that He can see into the future—yet, human will is free. We are admonished to bear one another's burdens: yet *"every man shall bear his own burden,"* and we do not think much of men and women who slip out from under their obligations. We are citizens of this world, members of earthly society: yet as Christians we love to speak of ourselves as having our citizenship in heaven.

When we are inclined to seek a snug easy-going happy philosophy of life then we are usually brought up short with a shock. That is life. Christian life is so made that at its heart there is a "Nevertheless." It is this uncertainty of life that gives it its danger and at the same time its zest and glory.

THE NEVERTHELESS OF RICH EXPERIENCE

IN THE FOUR PASSAGES GIVEN ABOVE, we find four different situations. The first one has to do with discipline, what the Authorised Version calls "chastening." This "chastening" covers the whole range of life's stern discipline by which we are made into the persons we become and are. The "Nevertheless" of a true heart brings victory over the troubles of life, and that victory spells peace, the peace of a quiet heart, the strength that is the result of the upright soul. The second is the "Nevertheless" of an unquestioned devotion. The tendency of the heart, of just plain human nature, is to give up. But the ringing decisive challenge of this "nevertheless" is the faith that has built the Church.

In the third passage we hear St. Paul speaking. By all odds he ought to have given up. Surely he was beaten. Yet, Paul says, "Nevertheless God." In the last passage we see the never-to-be-forgotten figure of Christ kneeling and praying in Gethsemane. Here again, comes this tremendous word signalizing His intention to follow the will of God and not His own. And, finally, when we turn to the Psalter we find in Psalm 73:23 another use of this word stating man's supreme faith in a Father God as he says, *"Nevertheless, I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand."*

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

NOW AND THEN THE PASTOR of a church discovers that some couple in his church has been married at the Registry Office. Why any young people, reared in the church, would want to have the cold legalistic ceremony of the court, in the private chambers of a judge, in preference to a ceremony in the sanctuary where they have always worshipped, is difficult to understand. Surely the church ought to share in all of life's great spiritual experiences: baptism, membership, marriage, and death. To begin life together as man and wife in the holy place of God and with the blessing of one's pastor surely gives marriage increased opportunity for success and happiness.

A CHURCH WEDDING NEED NOT BE A GRAND AFFAIR

ONE OF OUR PASTORS, in trying to find out why certain couples had been married at the Registry, was given the reply that they could not afford a Church Wedding and so had gone to the court instead. This is a most unfortunate misunderstanding on the part of any of our church people. Let us once and for all, tell our young people that to be married in the church sanctuary does not mean that it has to be a grand affair. A Church Wedding can be as simple and unattended as a Registry marriage. Only two witnesses and the minister need be there to legalise any wedding. Our pastors will gladly have their church sanctuaries open at any time during the week to accommodate the wishes of any couple desiring to be wedded under the auspices and blessing of the Church. No charge is ever made for the use of the church sanctuary by our own church members, and apart from the fee, which is not charged but customarily given by the husband to the minister officiating, there need be no other expense. Actually, it would, no doubt, cost more as a rule, to be married in the Registry than in the Church.

The Methodist Church has no objection if the people concerned desire to have a so-called "big wedding". The

couple may be very well known in the Church and community, and many relatives and friends may desire to attend. Certainly we welcome everyone to witness the joining of man and woman together in holy matrimony. For many people, we are sorry to say, it is probably their only visit to a Christian Church. Quite often it has happened that non-Christian friends of the couple being married have had their first introduction to Christianity at a wedding service.

CHRIST ABOVE ALL

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE REPORT in book form of the great Methodist Youth Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on December 30th, 1947, to January 2nd, 1948. (One of our own MYF leaders, Mr. Syn Wai Mun, was present at this Conference and gave us a fine report of it in the Malaysia Message for March, 1948.) This book, under the above title, gives the addresses which were given at that Conference. The addresses were given under five headings: (1) Christ Above All; (2) Christian World Brotherhood; (3) The Church; (4) Jesus Christ is Lord; (5) Personal Commitment and Dedication.

This vast gathering of Methodist Youth who met at the close of one year and at the beginning of another was a tremendous affair. On Watch Night, at the very moment of the New Year 10,900 persons participated in the Lord's Supper. "In absolute silence they shared the fellowship of the Master, and flames of faith in Christ as being above all else in life were lighted on the Communion altar of the largest simultaneous partaking of the Communion elements in modern Methodist history."

Among the many high points of this Conference was the concert given by the great negro singer, Mr. Roland Hayes. The Editor of this book describes that experience thus, "Eleven thousand people stood vigorously applauding the great concert artist. He had just concluded the final number in an evening of music which was superb in its artistry and deeply spiritual in its emotional impact. The man who had so completely captivated the entire crowd with his singing returned to the platform for an encore number. The audience sat down. Above the noise of the momentary confusion, a voice called out from far in the back balcony, 'Sing 'Ole Man River!' Mr. Roland Hayes stepped to the microphone and answered, "There is one greater than he. I shall sing 'Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?' " The eloquence of this sentence sermon was vivified as he sang for these thousands of Methodist youth this moving and meaningful Negro spiritual."

We hope this book will soon be available to all our MYFs. A letter has been sent to the MYF Headquarters making enquiry about supplies for Malaya.

FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

THE PHRASE "CRUSADE FOR CHRIST" is a very familiar one to most Methodists in Malaya, yet, unfortunately, we have been only on the receiving end of it. When the war was over, to our great joy and surprise, we found that millions of Methodists in America had been laying up funds to be used for the rehabilitation of the war-torn areas of the world. By means of these funds, of which we had a very considerable share, our buildings were rehabilitated and pastors and private school teachers and many others received amounts of cash, which helped to repay debts which almost everyone had incurred during the occupation years. Great as these benefits were, we are beginning to realize that being on the receiving end alone is not a very satisfactory experience. Quite a number of pastors and congregations have already realized this and have raised rehabilitation funds to match the Crusade funds.

However, another aspect of the "Crusade for Christ" was entirely passed by in Malaya, namely, the evangelistic side. In America, a goal was set to increase the membership of the Church by one million new members. And this was done. The number included 600,000 people who had never been members of a Christian Church. It is our loss that this side of such a tremendous spiritual programme was totally ignored in Malayan Methodism.

Now, the recent General Conference has challenged the Church with a new Crusade to be called "For Christ and His Church." It begins with the confession "We are of the opinion that mankind today needs nothing more urgently than a solid religious faith. Therefore we need a campaign of teaching and preaching." In this quadrenium these four great themes shall be stressed, one each year:

(1) Our Faith
(2) Our Church
(3) Our Ministry
(4) Our Mission

The first draft of the new 4-year progamme will be found on page 9 of this issue. Much about this Crusade will be in forthcoming issues of this magazine. The Cabinets of our two Annual Conferences have set up a strong commission to study this programme, adapt it for Malaya, and get this great movement for Christ on the way.

NOTICE TO ALL OUR SUBSCRIBERS

AT THE MEETING of the Committee on Publications and Church Extension, on September 3rd, which subsidizes our Christian Literature work in Malaya, it was found necessary to cut appropriations to our 3 magazines, *The Malaysia Message*, *The Southern Bell*, and *The Light of Salvation*. The Committee ordered that *The Malaysia Message* be reduced from 10 issues a year to 8 issues. We found that the 7 issues we have published during 1948, many of which we sold in bulk subscriptions for 10 cents each, actually cost us 30 cents each to print and post. Thus, this Committee had to subsidize two thirds of the costs on each copy. The reason for this added cost is that printing and other costs have gone up three times the prewar costs. Thus, we shall have to ask 15 cents per copy and continue the charges of $2/ per year for individual subscribers. We are sure all our subscribers will understand the situation and we trust they will continue to support and aid us by getting new subscribers. The new rate for individual copies begins with this issue.

Events of Interest

BISHOP EDWIN F. LEE

As this issue goes to press word has come of the death of Bishop Edwin F. Lee on Tuesday, September 14th, at Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A. For the last 20 years Bishop Lee has been the able leader of our church in Malaya, and through his death Malayan Methodism suffers a great loss. Memorial services have been planned in all our Methodist churches on Sunday, September 19th.

A LAYMAN SPEAKS OUT

MR. J. A. P. OSWALD, LAY LEADER of the Malaya Annual Conference has issued a general letter to Pastors, Official Board Members, Lay Leaders, District Stewards and Local Preachers in the Malaya Annual Conference. This letter deserves full publicity, and we therefore print it in this issue. Mr. Oswald writes as follows:

Christian Education: Unless we educate our Church members, especially our children, youth and young adults, in Christian knowledge and living, we shall be failing greatly in our duty as Christian adults and responsible members of the Church, for without proper guidance and education the future of the Church will be at stake.

I, therefore, consider it the duty of every Pastor and Church Officer, especially the Lay Leader and the Board of Education of the Local Church, to see that this part of the Church work is given full and careful attention. Preaching every Sunday or attending services once a week alone will not suffice. In this atomic period the Church Educational Programme should be so arranged and worked out to satisfy the present urgent need.

Some of the points I think every Pastor and Church worker should give heed to are:—

(a) The giving of proper instruction to those seeking admission as required by the Methodist Discipline and well pointed out in "A Church Membership Manual for Methodist Pastors." (I hope I am not offending anyone when I say that some pastors look upon this phase of work, more from the point of numbers rather than quality);

(b) Proper organised work in the Sunday Schools, and Youth Fellowships;

(c) Urgent consideration and action to organise young adult and adult fellowships. This, I consider, an urgent need, especially in the larger centres. My visit to the MYF Institute at Ipoh made me feel more than convinced, that if effective work is to be done the youth group should definitely be separated from the adult group or groups. A careful study of this by all Pastors, and considered opinion from them after, perhaps, discussion at the forthcoming Pastors Institutes and Religious Education Conferences, will be much appreciated. If this is done, some Annual Conference action can be recommended. Should any Pastor, especially those in the larger centres, feel the urgent need for this section of work to be started immediately he is at liberty to go ahead as the Discipline clearly provides for organisation of such societies.

(d) Education in "giving". I would emphasize support of Retired Ministers and widows and children of those who once laboured but are no more with us, and our administrators, District Superintendents and Bishop, and also the Home Missionary Society.

On the whole our spiritual growth needs lifting up very greatly. Let us pray and at the same time work to make our church alive in the town we are in.

I regret that my work does not give me time to visit you personally, hence this my first letter.

Yours in Christ's Service,
J. A. P. Oswald.
Lay Leader, Malaya Annual Conference.
145A, San Peng Road,
Kuala Lumpur, Selangor.

ATTENTION! PASTORS!

It is hoped that every Methodist congregation in Malaya will celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday on October 3. This will be the ninth year for this observance, and, coming as it does this year after the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in August, it will have added significance. You are not to plan union services but endeavor to have your entire resident membership present at your own Communion Table.

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

COPENHAGEN. The Copenhagen Church Fund, a private institution, which in 50 years of existence has erected about 50 churches in the city, has had to curtail its operations because building materials are unobtainable. It is ready to go ahead with a new building programme as soon as conditions improve. In the meantime, the institution has launched a new type of project: sponsoring church kindergartens in barrack buildings which it has erected on four different sites in Copenhagen.

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STUTTGART, GERMANY. A "Youth Parliament" in this city is working hard to have the State include paragraphs in the Constitution outlawing war. They are also asking for a law to protect conscientious objectors so that they will not be punished.

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GERMANY. More than 15,000,000 of Germany's 66,000,000 inhabitants are homeless today—11,500,000 who fled or were expelled from the eastern part of the country, 2,500,000 who were bombed out or had to leave their homes for some other reason, and 1,000,000 foreigners. Of the total number of those who fled from the east in 1945, 4,800,000 died within a year from the effects of the hardships of the road, from starvation, from

the diseases which were prevalent then, or simply from the strain of trying to find a new way of life under difficult conditions.

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. More than 5,000 young people were expected to attend the sessions in August, of the Christian Youth Conference of North America. This great Conference was preceded by six regional conferences held during June, July, and early August.

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INDIA. Millions of rupees are flowing in from all parts of India and from all classes of people to the Gandhi Memorial Fund, which will further the late leader's programme of reconstruction and pay for the publication of his speeches and writings in various languages. It is planned that no part of the fund will be spent on statues, buildings, or roads to perpetuate the memory of Gandhi. The reconstruction programme will include educational work, development of village and home industries, and rehabilitation of backward tribes and untouchables.

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LONDON. In spite of the fact that England has gone through a very difficult year economically and otherwise, the Missionary Societies announce increasing giving for the past year. The Methodists announce receiving approximately $5,000,000 (Malayan currency), while the London and Baptist societies have just $4,000,000 (Malayan currency) between them. The Church Missionary Society has reached over $4,000,000 (Malayan currency) and in addition have over $1,000,000 (Malayan currency) in legacies. The Bible Society now prints in 778 languages and reports receiving $5,000,000 (Malayan currency) in income. Unfortunately, much of this increased giving is off-set by the great rise in costs which has forced the same societies to draw on their accumulating balances to make ends meet.

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NEW ZEALAND. Following the lead of various church organizations in Britain, similar bodies in New Zealand held a Home and Family Week under the sponsorship of the Council of Churches. Lectures on marriage and family relationships were given each afternoon and evening. Organizations serving the interests of family life provided exhibits in the place where the lectures were held. Great interest was shown in the whole undertaking. The Romans conducted a similar programme on their own.

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TAIZE, FRANCE. On a little hill top in this French town is a monastery with 10 resident members. What makes this monastery unusual is that the monks in it are not Romans but Calvinists. Four of them are ordained ministers, two are farmers, four are doctors of medicine. They call themselves the Evangelical Reform Community, take no formal vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, but their way of life amounts practically to the same and they support themselves by working in the nearby fields. They have adopted 20 French war orphans. Other French Protestants look upon this experiment with friendly eyes but are, naturally, somewhat sceptical about it.

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CANTERBURY. The Lambeth Conference of 1948 will long be remembered by the Anglicans because of words spoken by the Archbishop of Canterbury as he welcomed his brother Bishops from all over the world. The Archbishop of Canterbury said, "Our communion is no longer English or British or Anglo-Saxon . . . But it is called the Anglican, the English Communion; and though the word is no longer altogether appropriate for this diverse family of autonomous churches, yet it bears witness to a truth of the past and to a truth of the present . . .Every one of the churches here represented traces its ancestry back to the church of these islands and so to Canterbury and to St. Augustine . . . To that tradition of Christian experience, which by the circumstance of history has come to bear the name of Anglican, we are united in a common loyalty of gratitude and devotion . . . By its nature it looks beyond itself to seek that visible unity of the Church of Christ which has been lost and is to be re-won."

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PRETORIA. The mass 'healing' ceremonies being conducted throughout the union by Mrs. Salmon, wife of a Methodist minister in Pretoria, have aroused considerable debate in the press and will be discussed at the Annual Conference to be held in October.

A PRISON BOOK

A FEW MONTHS AGO MR. ERNEST TIPSON, who recently retired from the *British and Foreign Bible Society,* published a new book under the title, *"Complete Chinese Course".* This book, as he tells in his preface, was born in the Changi Prison during the period when he was interned by the Japanese.

Mr. Tipson was one of the popular teachers in the large prison "University," which was attended by more than a thousand internees. Mr. Tipson taught several different classes in Chinese, among which, perhaps the most popular, was one on Chinese characters, which the Editor of *The Malaysia Message* and others found most interesting and valuable. The book is the outcome of the studies he made in preparing to give the course and it kept him busily occupied for several years.

Though Mr. Tipson learned to read the Chinese character by the old hard way of simply memorizing the ideographs, he employed an entirely new method in his teaching in which he explained the meaning of the characters as far as that is possible. It may be that some of his deductions were just plain fancy, yet, his method of teaching was most absorbing.

The book contains 1500 characters and is called "complete" because it contains all of the different forms in Chinese that are used with a Radical. The book begins with the single Radical phonetic, that is with the one-stroke, two-strokes, three-strokes, etc. Radicals. Then in section II it comes to two-Radical phonetics, and continues through the six Radical forms. After this comes a long section giving the non-Radical phonetics, including the many irregular uses of the same.

Each ideograph is clearly printed with a number giving the pronunciation, the meaning, and then the meaning of the different parts so that the student will have a visual background to help him in memorizing the same. For anyone who would like to browse among the Chinese characters and get an understanding of them, this book will be a wonderful aid.

The book is on sale at Kelly & Walsh's at $6.

For Christ and His Church

A SUGGESTED 4-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR MALAYAN METHODISM

THERE WILL BE TWO OBJECTIVES: "*A teaching endeavour in* which Methodism may achieve a deeper understanding of commitment to OUR FAITH, OUR CHURCH, OUR MINISTRY, and OUR MISSION to the life about us. *A world-wide advance* in which Methodism may share in a ministry of relief and in carrying the Gospel of Christ to the people of the World." "The genius of this programme is that it is for something . . . This is to be a programme for Christ and his Church . . . and we have the chance now to register ourselves not merely in the ordinary advance, but to say to the world that we believe in our Christ and we believe in our Church."

FIRST YEAR: OUR FAITH

The attention of the entire church will be directed to our Faith.

1. Preaching Mission shared by pastors and other leaders of our Church.
2. Study courses, in prayer meetings, women's societies, and youth groups in the local church to consider the articles of our Faith.
3. Production and distribution of literature dealing with the major emphasis of our Faith.
4. Emphasis on an increase in giving to the local church and benevolent causes, with the establishment of definite goals for self support.

SECOND YEAR: OUR CHURCH

1. Study of the history of Malayan Methodism, its growth, its emphasis, and the preparation necessary to make it an indigenous church.
2. A programme of Home Missions and Church Extension, following a survey of needy and unchurched areas in city, town, and country, designed to organize and build churches and Sunday Schools in these communities.
3. An emphasis on Stewardship, the Christian's responsibility to the Church, in connection with the movement toward self-support.
4. Development of the Laymen's movement; training of lay leadership in the local church.
5. Production and distribution of literature dealing with the nature of the church, the history of the church, the contribution of the church and the Layman's part in it.

THIRD YEAR: OUR MINISTRY

1. Recruitment of dedicated youth to the ministry and other Christian vocations. "Our Christian vocation must be interpreted in the light of the Protestant principle of the 'universal priesthood of all believers' in which the call to the ministry and the divine summons of all vocations should be clarified and hallowed."
2. Emphasis on teaching as a Christian vocation. Recruitment and training of Sunday School teachers and training of day school teachers of religious knowledge.
3. Production and distribution of literature in support of this theme.

FOURTH YEAR: OUR MISSION

Our message to the Home, the Community, the Nation and the World. Objective: the establishment of the Christian Home, the Christian Community, the Christian Nation and the Christian World.

1. Emphasis on the Family Altar and securing pledges to the same.
2. Emphasis on the importance and meaning of Christian marriage.
3. Emphasis on the meaning of Christian citizenship—community, nation, world.
4. Production and distribution of literature in support of this objective.

The above is simply a rough draft, as a basis for committee discussion and action. It was intended to draw together in this brief outline the pertinent features of the "Crusade For Christ" under the headings of the "For Christ And His Church" programme.

We enter upon this endeavour with the conviction that at this crucial time of danger and opportunity, God is waiting to do great things for us. It remains for us to discover what this may be. This movement must be born in prayer, or else it will be still-born. It must be nourished by a spirit of devotion, or it will wither. Unless it is utterly "for Christ and His Church," it will be just another programme, and it will fail.

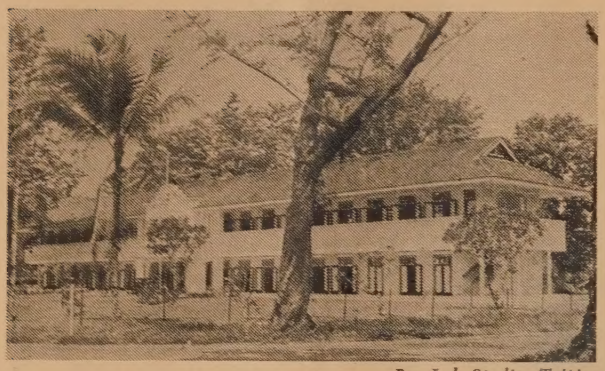
"Thy witness in the souls of men,
Thy spirit's ceaseless, brooding power,
In lands where shadows hide the light,
Await a new creative hour.
O Mighty God, set us aflame,
To show the glory of Thy Name."

The Cabinets of the two Annual Conferences met in Singapore during the last of August and set up a Commission to adapt this Forward Programme to our Malayan Church and get it under way. The Rev. Waldo S. Reinoehl has been appointed Chairman. The Malaya Annual Conference is represented by: Rev. Chew Hock Hin, Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, Mrs. Rose Kandiah, Rev. Wong Dong Sing, Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar, Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz and Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth. The Malaysia Chinese Conference by: Rev. M. Timothy Huang, Mrs. M. T. Fang, Mr. Lam Yau Siong, Rev. Charles E. Fang, Mr. Lim Un Tien.

● *In this northern Malayan town is our newest and finest Methodist Girls School building with every vestige of war damage removed.*

Taiping School Celebrates Its Jubilee

By three Senior Girls



Bee Loh Studio, Taiping
Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping

THREE OF THE SENIOR STUDENTS of the Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping, give us in their own words a description of the School itself and its history, an account of the Golden Jubilee Concert, and an account of their Annual Sports Day. The concert was a very great success and should have special mention because most of the tickets were sold by the pupils themselves. $1,563.40 was cleared from the concert. The Inspector of Schools, Mr. Dartford, said it was the best school concert he had heard.

We let the girls tell the story of this splendid institution, our only Methodist school in Taiping:

My School

AT THE CORNER OF WALKER ROAD and Museum Road is a huge imposing building which stands in its own grounds that are as immaculate as the building itself. This is the Lady Treacher Girls' School, a very important landmark in Taiping.

The interior of the School Building does credit to the outside. At the main entrance, a flight of concrete steps leads to the Principal's Office, which occupies the central room of the Building. Opposite the Office is the Assembly Hall, the most beautiful room in the Building. The background of the stage and the screens are painted in a gold floral design. The maroon velvet stage curtain adds to the attractiveness of the stage. The Hall is well ventilated and is large enough to accommodate about 450 people. Behind the stage is a large dressing-room which has been converted into a class-room owing to the increased enrolment this year. On either side of the Office are three class-rooms, each well ventilated and equipped for the use of the higher classes. Directly below these rooms are class-rooms for the lower standards. On the ground floor below the Assembly Hall, is a large Primary Music Hall. Here, also is the Teachers' Lounge furnished with arm-chairs, for rest during their free periods. There is also a Domestic Science room well equipped with electric stoves, refrigerator and other necessary articles of furniture. The Music Hall and the adjoining Tiffin-shed have now been converted into class-rooms as there is still a demand for more class-rooms.

Not only is the Lady Treacher Girls' School an important landmark, but it also plays a very big part in the education of the girls of Taiping who will be the future citizens of Malaya. Thus the School Song—

"Treacher Girls' School hail to thee,
Thou art to our hearts most dear,
In all our work and play
Thoughts of Thee are ever near
We would honour Thee this hour,
We would ever sing Thy praise,
For we know Thy worth,
Here good thoughts hath birth,
Thou hast guided in right ways.

In the years that are to come
We shall often think of Thee,
Thy light in many ways
Through life our guide shall be
And until we reach the end
This shall always be our rule,
For Thee good words say
And for Thee to pray,
Honoured be our dear old School."

—is a very fitting memorial to the Establishment which is educating and training the citizens of tomorrow.

Miss Ou Li Lian

The Jubilee of Our School

WHENEVER I HEAR OR SEE the name of my Alma Mater, a beautiful building amidst lovely surroundings appears to me. The Lady Treacher Girls' School is situated in a peaceful atmosphere, away from the bustle of the town.

A milestone in its history has just been passed and duly commemorated in a befitting manner. My School has reached its fiftieth anniversary, and the progressive changes that have taken place during these years are indeed wonderful. In 1898, when the Methodist Mission re-opened the Government Girls School at the request of the Perak Government, the pupils were housed in a four-roomed bungalow. The wife of the then British Resident, Sir William Treacher, took a keen interest in the School's welfare. In her honour, it was re-named the Lady Treacher Girls' School.

There has been a steady growth in the progress of the School since 1898, and in 1941 a grand new building was erected to take the place of the small buildings in which the School was housed. This was owing to the un-

tiring efforts of our Principal, Miss Della Olson, B.Sc., M.A., who took greatest interest in the School's welfare. Her efforts were rewarded, and on November 27th, 1941, the late Sultan of Perak His Highness Paduka Sri Sultan Sir Abdul Aziz, K.C.M.G., M.B.E. declared the new building open before a large gathering.

Soon after the opening of the Building, the Japanese invaded Malaya, and spoiled the new Structure. When it was re-opened in October 1945, it was but a poor semblance of its former self, yet it is now clean and beautiful again, and Miss Olson is to be praised for her untiring efforts to have made it so.

There have been many visitors to my Alma Mater from several parts of the world. The majority of them have left it with the impression that here was one of the most beautiful schools they had ever seen, and their thoughts will be echoed in the minds of others.

The present Building is equipped with the latest educational conveniences. Though it was built to accommodate five hundred pupils, the present enrolment has

Characters in the play "Becky Sharp"

made this space insufficient. So plans are being made for more classrooms to be built.

To collect funds for this, a Jubilee Concert was staged on July 31st., and August 2nd. and 3rd., by the pupils of the school. It was most successful. The items were very varied, and included a play by the Senior Forms, from Thackeray's "Vanity Fair." The elementary classes provided some songs, dances and playlets. Among the high-lights of the show were three songs by the School Choir, which was under the leadership of the Principal. Great applause greeted this item. A large audience was present on all three nights.

It is the great hope of all those who are interested in the school's welfare that it will continue in its career peacefully and uninterrupted. May their hopes come true!

Miss Khoo Liew Poh

Our Annual Sports Day

June 19th.—the day, when the Lady Treacher Girls' School of Taiping held their Annual Sports, dawned bright and clear. Everyone in the school felt relieved, for a shower of rain would have meant not only that visitors could not have come but also that the girls would not have been able to have held their sports.

Characters in the Ballet Dance

At three o'clock, girls began to arrive in groups of twos and threes. Soon hawkers arrived with their stalls knowing that there would be many customers for them that afternoon. By the time it was four o'clock, all the girls had arrived and most of the judges had arrived, and at a quarter past four the thrilling races began. At times there was silence among the girls, at other times there were loud cheers from the girls urging on the competitors in their Houses.

At one end of the field stood the Treacher's House with their red flag. Beside them was the Horley's House with a green flag. Next came a blue flag bearing the name of Keir's House and on the other end of the field came the Head's House with an orange flag. Behind these flags the girls stood anxious to do as much for their House as possible. Beside them stood the House-Captains encouraging each girl and consoling those who could not do as well as the others.

On one side of the field stood the school girls all wearing white with the bands of their House colours. On the other side sat the spectators while just a little away from the winning post sat the judges and Mrs. Dartford, who had kindly consented to give away the prizes. On the road outside, however, were many spectators some standing and some seated on bicycles.

On a table, in front of the chairs for the judges, stood eleven silver cups. They had been donated by

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Malay Girls who took part in the Programme

H.M.S.

Methodism's Far-flung Work in Pahang

BURR BAUGHMAN

IN 1947 THE METHODIST CHURCHES of Malaya gave generously to help build a girls' school at Raub, Pahang. Now, a year later, let us see something of what is being done with the facilities which the Malayan Christians have provided.

First of all, there is the Methodist Girls' School. Opened in September, 1947, this school at first enrolled girls in Primary I and II, and Standard I. As it started late in the year, the number of pupils was not very great during the first few months. At the beginning of 1948, however, the enrollment rose quickly. Now there are 145 students: divided among two Primary I classes, Primary II, and Standards I and II. The school, under Mrs. E. T. Stoner, has already made an excellent place for itself in the community.

In addition to this usual school work, of course, the mission in Raub is developing an active programme of religious work. Outstanding here is what is being done among the young people of the community.

SHORTLY AFTER THE OPENING of the Methodist Girls School, the Raub Sunday School was reconstituted. Under the leadership of Mr. E. T. Stoner, it quickly grew to large dimensions. From fifty to seventy is the usual number attending. Most of the girls in the Primary group are pupils in the week-day school; but there are also a few other girls and boys coming in from the nearby farms, and out from the town. Most of the older boys and girls (about half the Sunday School) attend the government English school. They have become interested in the work of The Methodist Church, and now faithfully attend.

The response to the Sunday School was so good that it demanded an extension of activities for young people. Therefore about the end of September, 1947, a group of the older boys and girls began to meet on Saturday afternoon. This was the beginning of a further youth organization. At first none of the young folks had any knowledge of the Methodist Youth Fellowship programme; so we began by conducting purely recreational meetings. Community singing was popular. The usual active games were played; and a little folk dancing was tried. The weekly attendance was from forty to sixty.

As time went on, the group gained in knowledge and experience; so in January, 1948, officers were elected. Eleven members from Raub went to the All-Malaya institute at Ipoh, in April. This gave them a greater realization of the wide field of youth activities which they had, so far, not entered. On their return, they then moved the organization to elect chairmen of the four commissions. These latter immediately started to include in the weekly programmes (now held on Thursday) devotional, missionary and social service material.

One of the most popular activities of this youth group was the Christmas carol party, which was organized in 1947. Probably about 95% of those taking part had never before in their lives sung a Christmas carol. But now they faithfully attended practices week after week. On Christmas eve all assembled, after an evening service, and set out by bus. Many homes in Raub were visited. At each place, carols were sung and prayer was offered. The joy of Christmas was apparent in Raub that night.

This year, a daily vacation Bible school was held, from 13th to 22nd August. Here again, those who came were separated into two sections: Primary and Intermediate-Senior. Average attendance for the ten days was 62: almost evenly divided between the sections. The emphasis throughout was on the strengthening of the spiritual message of Christianity to the young people.

This youth work is the most hopeful part of the Raub programme; but there are also, of course, regular worship services for adults on two Sundays of every month. The congregation is small—usually not more than ten to twenty-five in number. It includes English-speaking members of several Protestant churches, with Methodists in the majority. This is the first time most of them have had regular opportunities to meet together for worship, in Pahang; and they have appreciated the privilege.

RAUB, MOREOVER, HAS BEEN the center of a growing district work. From here, the pastor has travelled out to Bentong, Kuala Lipis and Cheroh.

In Bentong, 28 miles away, a monthly worship service has been held. A children's meeting was conducted here once a week, on Friday. In addition, after a private school had been opened, weekly religious education classes were started for the pupils.

Kuala Lipis, 38 miles distant, has a very loyal group of Christian adults, who meet once a month for a worship service. In June a young-adult group was started (though this has had to be discontinued, owing to the present disturbed conditions, and other factors).

In Cheroh a little estate church is carried on for the Indian labourers by one of the conductors. The Raub pastor helps him occasionally.

As far as results are concerned, there is little the Raub church can show in the way of statistics. A dozen

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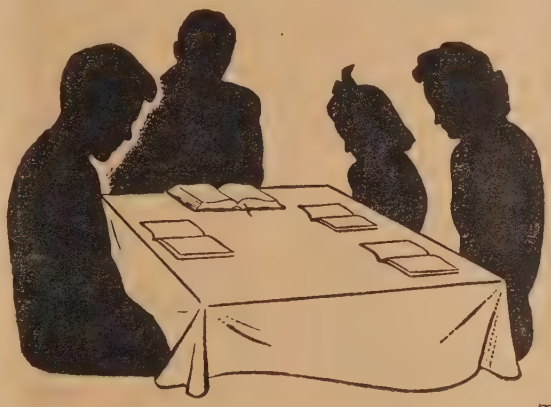
Methodist Girls School, Raub. In background residences and two classrooms.

Design for a Christian Home

Luke 2: 39-52

WALDO S. REINOEHL

THE IDEAL HOME SEEMS like a faraway dream for many people today. We are told that the population of Singapore has increased 53% since 1931. The number of children under sixteen has increased 100%. Women have increased 75%. There are more mouths to feed without a proportionate increase in wage-earners. But the most startling fact is that 80% of households live in one cubicle or less and that all but 2% live in crowded conditions. While our problem is more acute than the average, yet one could find conditions of over-crowding in most great cities of the world.



While such conditions exist how can one talk of the ideal home? The answer is that we know that our home is something more than bricks and mortar. It is made up of people and fortunately we can begin with them.

We take the Holy Family as our model in working out a design for a Christian home. We propose to consider it apart from the usual Christmas atmosphere with its many distractions. In this story two young people provide a design for a Christian home.

IN THIS DESIGN WE FIND a mother's love and care. Mary's purity has been a watchword for girlhood and womanhood round the world. She had received the assurance that in some mysterious and wonderful manner she was fulfilling God's purpose for the world. She believed that her son would bring to mankind something that was wanted and eagerly awaited. She believed that she was fulfilling a destiny of her people. She had a sense of Mission. While she dreamed of the great future for her son, she kept all her dreams locked up in her heart. As a magnet draws the particles of steel unto itself, so this mother was the agent through which God quickened the divine qualities within the child Jesus. It is true that this child was "different" but it was his mother who helped to bring out his real self, as only a mother can do.

Youth finally chooses its course, and the mother must watch from afar. So it was with Mary. Christ exceeded her dreams. She guided his foot-steps. She mended his bruises when he fell clambering over the nearby hills. She saw him set out with his staff in hand, carefree as he assaulted the steep mountain peaks. But when Jesus reached mature manhood and heard God's call to active service, he stood alone. He faced temptation alone, but it was in his home that a rugged character was built. Jesus faced hard choices alone in Gethsemane, but the steel in his nature was forged in his child-hood and youth.

IN OUR DESIGN WE FIND a father's protection and guidance. We know little of Joseph excepting that as a workman he taught his son the honour of labour, industry, and patience. We know that he was a devout man and in his life Jesus had the example of one who knew and loved God. Daily this father must have repeated in the family circle words that all devout Jews were wont to say, "Here O Israel, the Lord our God...." A father's responsibility is something more than a financial obligation; it is something more than a biological function. A father must also be a companion and counsellor to his family. Not long ago a pastor went to call on a couple who are members of the church. They were not at home and so he left his card. The next day he heard from them and they said to him, "We were down at the seaside last evening. We always take our children there on certain evenings because we believe we owe it to them to give them part of our leisure time." Here is an example to busy fathers who in the rush of earning bread forget to be good companions to their children. Much juvenile delinquency would be avoided if fathers gave their children the companionship they need and deserve.

IN OUR PATTERN WE FIND A CHILD in the midst. Homes can be utterly selfish. Sometimes one finds a couple with almost everything that the heart could desire: a large salary, fine clothes, entertainment and friends, leisure and freedom from responsibility. But in such homes there is a sort of emptiness. No home is quite complete without a child in the midst.

We must remember that children have rights. They did not ask to be born and when they come into the world their right of proper care, of food, of an education, must be considered. Every child that comes into the home limits the rights and privileges of the other members. We Christians believe in large families, but we also believe that children have rights. Therefore, parents should plan for their children before they are born and they should decide whether or not they are able to give those things which are the right of every child.

Parents are not born; they are made. They learn the hard way, their experience and their knowledge grows with the child. Children can, and should teach their parents to be generous, thoughtful, patient, and kind. It is a wonder that children turn out as well as they do, considering the limitations of their parents. Yet, God

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One of our General Conference Delegates spends some months in England on a Scholarship and catches something of the Spirit that so powerfully imbued John Wesley.

A Malayan Methodist Visits Oxford

HOMER CHENG

IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE this year I found myself drifting on the Atlantic towards the coast of England with the memories of my delightful but hectic travels in the U.S.A. still vivid in my mind. A scholarship awarded me by the British Council brought me to Oxford where I have remained since my arrival. In between my studies I have rushed from one town to another to see the sights and to explore the past. This is one of the habits that I acquired in America. England possesses something that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. It is a land where history lives and legends thrive. No other country of the same size is so rich in the possession of natural beauty linked with historic interest, and no country in the world has ever called forth in its literature such passionate devotion amounting to adoration for the countryside. A traveller in England is impressed not so much by the beauty of her massive castles and picturesque cathedrals as by the many fine meadows, lovely rivers with old stone bridges, glorious church spires showing over the trees, and cosy roadside inns. In Oxford, a town which begins and ends with the universities, a visitor finds almost an unlimited amount of materials for historical study and archaeological research. The Oxford colleges and their chapels have made Oxford one of the most beautiful cities in the world, most of them being from 400 to 500 years old. Many have remarkably beautiful gardens which sparkle like jewels in their sombre setting of ancient lichen-covered walls.

An international group of students at Oxford University. From left to right: Spaniard, Chinese (Homer Cheng), Dutch, Hebrew, American and Vietnamese

I have found the people in this town both friendly and courteous. The food situation in England is not so bad as it seems from the papers. This is not because the papers lie but because their job is to highlight the abnormal, with the result that to their readers the normal has ceased to exist. It is true that the meat ration is still very meagre but every one here has an equal share. Oxford, like other towns in England, is still queue-conscious. Indeed, queuing in the United Kingdom has become a fine art. People queue up so gracefully and cheerfully that it is a pleasure to join in a queue. And now, after two months, I have learned to say "Thank queue for everything"!

I AM LUCKY TO BE IN ENGLAND at a time when two important events are taking place—the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury and the World Olympic Meet at Wembly. The Lambeth Conference, which was opened on July 1st, is, unlike the Methodist General Conference, primarily a family reunion of the Anglican bishops for common counsel and mutual guidance,—a domestic assembly in so far as it is concerned with the inner life and order of the Anglican communion, but a world assembly because, while debating the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, its eye will rarely stray from the contemporary scene. The month before the conference the Anglican bishops tried out a new evangelical scheme which might well be copied by our Methodist Council of Bishops. Teams of five or six bishops from the overseas were asked to tour the various dioceses, and included in each team was at least one bishop of non-Anglo-Saxon race. Each team spent a week-end in a diocese, and programmes were arranged which ensured that the largest possible number of people of all kinds should see them and hear what they had to say. Their speeches and sermons were less important, however, than the actual spectacle of bishops gathered from the four corners of the world and always one of them of another race. These bishops have appeared in every conceivable platform, at Rotary clubs, chambers of commerce, schools of every kind and even in holiday camps. Thus, the country has had an outward and visible demonstration of the fact that the church is as wide as the world!

The Olympic games were started on the 29th July. The games have brought to England thousands of people from all parts of the world. During the last two weeks the stadium of Wembley has literally become a microcosm of the whole globe. At the Games every foreign tongue, every variety of accent from broken to slightly cracked English, is heard all round; distinctions of dress—everything from masculine kilt to feminine sari—and every sort of headgear—wide-brimmed hats, caps, fezes, turbans while every shade of skin colour makes a patchwork of faces in the crowd. When you see the motley throng, the thought naturally comes to you that if the nations of the world would get on together in the same friendly and sporting spirit, how wonderful this world of ours would turn out to be!

OXFORD, INCIDENTALLY, is the place where the founder of our Methodist Church, John Wesley, started his career. The name "Methodist" originated in Oxford about 1729 as a term of ridicule applied to a group of university men who gathered round John and Charles Wesley usually

in the room at Lincoln College. It referred to the rigorous and methodical discipline that was the mark of their fellowship. From that little group of devout Christians has emerged the huge network of Methodist churches throughout the world. In the early days when his followers had to put up with every insult and persecution, Wesley would speak to them, "Be of good cheer," and "Be not afraid!" How wonderful are these words! The world to-day—with the ever increasing rumours of war, religious persecutions, discouragement and disillusionment on the part of individuals—needs nothing more than these words, "Be of good cheer". When I visited his small room at Lincoln College the other day I could still hear the voice of John Wesley, after more than 200 years, say "Be of good cheer! Go forth and preach to all nations!" This is our heritage.

Wesley's Room, Lincoln College, Oxford

HERE AND THERE . . .

CHANGES OF APPOINTMENT

THE CABINET OF THE Malaya Annual Conference, in its mid-year session held in Singapore during the week of May 30—September 4, authorized the following appointments:

Miss Lila Corbett, from the principalship of the Anglo Chinese Girls' School, Penang, to the Trinity College, Singapore, where she will be on the College Staff and matron of the Women's Hostel.

Miss Ann Harder, from the staff of the Methodist Girls' School, Kuala Lumpur, to the principalship of the Anglo Chinese Girls' School, Penang. Miss Harder took over this new appointment on September 6.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. Foster, transferred from Taiping to Ipoh, where he will be the pastor of the Wesley Church and continue to act as pastor of the Wesley Church, Taiping, and of the monthly English services at Kampong Koh, Sitiawan.

The Rev. J. Rasanayakam, transferred from the Tamil Church, Tapah, to the Tamil district work in Kedah, with residence in Kulim.

The Rev. Sprigg Harwood, from Lucknow Christian College, Lucknow, India, to the staff of the Anglo Chinese School, Penang. Mr. Harwood arrived from India about the middle of September.

The Rev. and Mrs. Burr Baughman are to take charge of the Dyak work at Kapit, Sarawak. They will leave Raub, Pahang, about the 1st October to take up their new residence in Kapit.

The Rev. W. S. Reinoehl has been appointed Registrar of the Malaya Annual Conference in the place of the Rev. H. F. Kuehn, who was invalided home in July.

Mr. Eric Wee has been appointed Acting Secretary of Young People's Work and the MYF for Malaya in place of the Rev. T. R. Doraisamy who is on educational leave in America.

Palembang

Inter-Church Conference. A Conference representing all Protestant Christians of South Sumatra, was held in Palembang August 13—15. All the Protestant Churches in Palembang were represented by about 20 elected members and many Churches outside Palembang also sent delegates. Some Missionary leaders from other places were also present.

The Rev. A. Pos came from the Re-reformed Church in Java; Rev. Everts, who served as chairman, was from the Protestant Church, Palembang; Rev. A. V. Klaus and Rev. R. Alm, from the East Coast of Sumatra, represented the Methodist Church. Rev. Manuputy also came from Medan. There were many Bataks, Chinese, Dutch, and Javanese present.

The meetings and services were held in different Churches. In the Conference Service of Worship, held in the Protestant Church on Sunday morning, Domine Manuputy spoke in Indonesian, Domine Everts in Dutch, and Mr. Alm in Batak.

This first Inter-Church Conference in South Sumatra was in the nature of an experiment. Reports from different places in South Sumatra served to acquaint us with the situation and purposes of the various groups, and the possible ways in which we might sustain and forward each other's programmes. The need for a common plan was very obvious when the advisors presented their conclusions and suggestions at the Conference.

The Conference closed with a common Communion Service in the Batak Church. Rev. A. V. Klaus led this unforgettable hour of worship in the Indonesian language assisted by all the ordained ministers present. Some of our Dutch friends said that this was the greatest experience that they have ever had in the East.

We hope that this Conference will help our Christians in South Sumatra to unite their efforts as never before for the furtherance of the Kingdom. —RAGNAR ALM

Kuala Lumpur

Methodist Girls Afternoon School. This school reopened in January 1941 under the leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Loke, headmistress. At first there were only three teachers and an enrolment of approximately 100 pupils. The lack of equipment and the difficulty of securing books

at that time caused great difficulty for the staff. By 1947 the enrolment had increased to 450 students and there are now 13 teachers on the staff. The rapid growth of this school indicates the great need for education throughout Malaya and the urgent need to give overage girls a chance to continue their education. Every year our Grant-in-aid or Morning Schools have to turn away many such pupils and our Continuation Schools serve a great need by ministering to them.

This school is housed in the Methodist Girls School building and the class sessions are from 1.40 to 5.40 p.m. This year they have a total of 11 classes ranging from Primary I to Std. V. The curriculum is exactly the same as that of morning school and games, singing, handicrafts, needle-work, toy-making, and dress-making, are also included. Regular chapel periods and religious education are a definite part of the programme.

Methodist Boys School. The Annual Sports Meet was held on the school ground on July 16 and 17th. A large crowd of spectactors, including Old Boys and friends were present on both days. Mrs. Birse, the wife of the British Adviser, gave away the prizes.

Tamil Methodist Church. Mrs. Samuel Supramaniam, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nalliah, died in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, July 18th. Mrs. Supramaniam was a very popular member of the church and her death is mourned by her husband and their family, and her many friends.

Taiping

Wesley Church. This church is entering into a new era of growth and influence under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. William H. Foster. Recently nineteen young people stood at the altar to take the vows of church membership after two months preparatory membership training. Fourteen adults have come into membership by confession of faith or transfer. The MYF and the Women's Society of Christian Service are both strong, active groups sponsoring many community activities as well as strengthening the spiritual life of the church.

Chinese Church. One of the busiest Methodist centres in Taiping is the Chinese Church and Manse. Here, every kind of church activity is carried on. It is one of the most active congregations in the state of Perak.

H.B.A.

Misses Rosalind Lim and Wong Shuk Moy—two well-known Singapore MYF'ers

The Anglo Chinese Girls School, Ipoh

The Sunday Service is held at 11:30 a.m. The congregation consists of about eighty persons. Sunday School classes meet at 10:00 a.m. and about forty children from Christian families attend. Besides these there are prayer meetings every Thursday evening when about thirty gather to pray and study the Bible. At present, a study course on the Gospel of Matthew is being conducted.

The Women's Society of Christian Service has been re-organized and so far it is progressing fairly well. Mrs. Lim Swee Aun and Mrs. Tan Hock Hooi have been indefatigable in their efforts for this society. Since June the Bible woman, Madam Lin Siew Sin, has left for China and the work is now distributed between Mrs. Tan Hock Hooi, Mrs. Lim Swee Aun, and Mrs. Ang Hoe Peng. The W.S.C.S. is functioning on well-oiled wheels. It meets every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in different homes every week. It has three chief aims, the first of which is to encourage fellowship among Christian women. Secondly, it hopes to teach its members to read and write, either in English or Chinese. The Chinese text is based on the hymnals. Thirdly, it hopes to get those who can sew to teach those who cannot sew. The sewing done by these ladies will be distributed to the poor and needy of the church during the Christmas season. Mrs. Lim Swee Aun has made a very generous contribution to the Society. Half of the monthly sum given by her to the Benevolent Fund is used to buy materials for the sewing class.

Klang

Dedication to Christ. Members of the Klang M.Y.F., of which Mr. J. S. Henry is President, conducted a "Win-My-Chum" programme during the week of September the 12th. Their last programme of this nature was held in 1940, and since then very few had dedicated their lives to Christ, according to the President's report. Officers of the MYF decided that the time was opportune to accept the challenge of evangelism by giving a special opportunity to the people to come forward and dedicate themselves to the Master.

Segamat

Tamil District Work. The Rev. S. M. Pandian, Pastor of the Tamil Church, Segamat, was the principal speaker on the Indian Independence Day, on August 15, at the Indian Association Premises, Kluang. Mr. C. R.

Krishnan, President, presided. Mr. Krishnan was formerly on the staff of the A.C.S. Singapore.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward of Kluang were blessed with the birth of a baby son on August 8.

Design for a Christian Home

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chose to thrust a little child who was to be the Saviour of the world into this dangerous environment.

Let us think of Jesus as he grew, no longer a curiosity or a plaything to his parents, but a growing member of the family. We see him learning to bear responsibility, learning to know and understand people, learning to think clearly as he read the scrolls of his people. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Like most children, he represented everything that the home stood for, its dreams, its ideals, its hopes for the future. Finally that growing youth took on the full responsibility for his life and plans and he began to build upon what he had received. Children and youth of today, are you building on the foundations laid before you? What kind of character are you building? There is no better way to fulfil the ancient commandment to "Honour thy father and thy mother" than by building into your character and conduct the ideals and standards which your parents love and cherish.

Our city planners pulled down the unsanitary huts on the borders of our city and in their place they erected beautiful, clean, useful apartment buildings. What a change they have wrought in the lives of thousands of city dwellers by building upon the ruins of the past. Around us we see the ruins of human life in marital unhappiness, divorce, neglected children and moral delinquency. But you and I are more favoured. We have a design for a Christian home and, as brave and optimistic home makers, we study this design. We determine to make our home a more perfect home, a home in which there is love and sympathy and understanding, and respect for the rights of growing children. Come! Let us set to work at once to build the Christian home.

The H.M.S. in Pahang

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children have been baptized, five young people and three adults. As a result of the vacation Bible school four other young people have said they want to become Christians. Church congregations usually number between ten and twenty-five. These are not earth-shaking figures.

What is deeply impressive, however, is the clear fact that the generous contributions of Malayan Methodists have helped to make possible the building of a strong foundation for the Kingdom of God in west Pahang. The Methodist Church in Raub is sowing broadcast the seeds of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In due time the Lord will reap the hundred-fold harvest.

Taiping School Jubilee

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several persons. There were four challenge cups to be presented to the Houses according to the number of points each House obtained. Two of the remaining cups were to be presented to the House which had the most points in the school examination and in attendance. The other four cups were given to the winners in badminton, netball, table-tennis and swimming. The eleventh cup was presented to the House which won the most cups.

By a quarter past six, thirty-four races had been run off including a race for the 'Old Girls'. Lastly, the girls of the four Houses lined up for prize-giving. Treacher's House walked off with the First Challenge Cup, while Head's House took the second. The third cup was taken by Keir's House and the fourth by Horley's House. Besides winning the First Challenge Cup, Treachers's House also won the Swimming Cup and the Attendance Cup and was awarded the Championship Cup. Keir's House won the Table-tennis and the Netball Cups, while Horley's House got the Badminton Cup and the Scholarship Cup.

After distributing the prizes, Mrs. Dartford was presented with a basket of flowers by four little girls from the Kindergarten Class and was also given three cheers.

Miss Ou Poh Lian

The Straits MYF Picnickers (Singapore)

Who will be next?

The Editor received a most encouraging letter during September in which the writer sent him a cheque for $20/- and suggested that he send 10 subscriptions of the Malaysia Message to 10 of the Government rest houses scattered throughout the country. This individual had taken the July issue of *The Malaysia Message* with him on a recent journey in Johore and deliberately placed it on a table in the rest house where he was staying. He noticed person after person picking up the magazine, and some of them reading it from cover to cover. This gave him the inspiration to send the magazine to 10 of the various rest houses in the country.

Are there not other readers of *The Malaysia Message* who would like to further the work we are endeavouring to do with it by sending in similar subscriptions?

Ten Commandments for the Church Choir

J. Arthur West

1. I am thy Church Choir. Thou shalt have no other interests which tempt thee to neglect or forsake me.

2. Thou shalt not offer excuses for lack of loyalty, for I, thy Church Choir, am a jealous interest, and those who deny me a rightful place in their weekly programme most likely will never achieve great success as singers.

3. Thou shalt not speak lightly of thy Church Choir, for it is one of God's sacred instruments, and to do so cheapens yourself as well as the choir.

4. Remember the practice hour and the Sunday service to keep them holy. On other occasions thou art free to use thy judgement about dates, parties, and other engagements, but when the choir meets, thou shalt not fail to be there.

5. Honour thy director and thy organist for they both long to work with thee in brotherliness and common devotion.

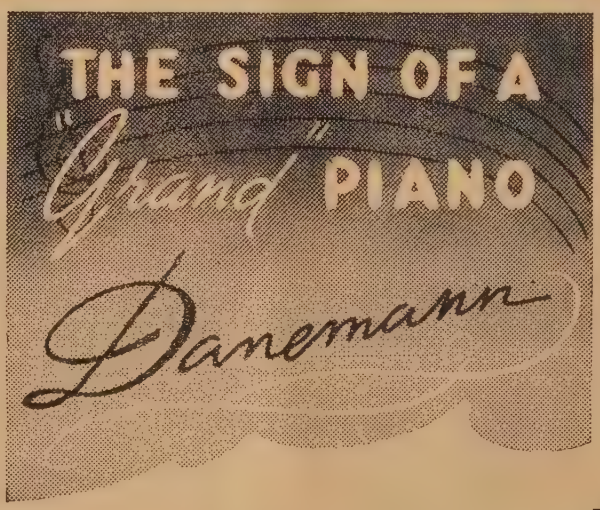
6. Thou shalt not kill time at rehearsals for time is always precious.

7. Thou shalt not commit the sin of showing disinterest during a worship service, for the eyes of all are upon thee.

8. Thou shalt not steal the sacredness of the service by whispering, being restless and by calling attention to thyself.

9. Thou shalt not sing faultily, but sound forth the praises of God to the best of thy growing ability.

10. Thou shalt not covet the freedom of the church member who has no responsibilities, such as singing in the choir, for while he may outwardly appear carefree and happy, yet inwardly thou shalt be far better satisfied with the joy of thy consecrated effort and thy contributions to the success of the service.



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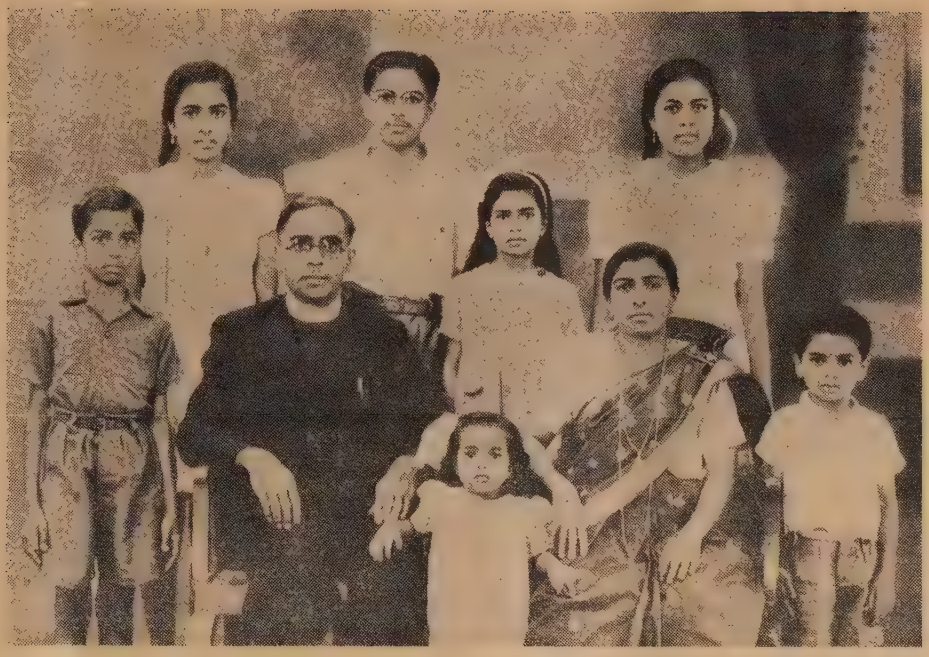

The Rev. and Mrs. Simon J. Arthur and their family

A GRADUATE OF OUR SEMINARY (J. H. T. S.)

THE REV. SIMON J. ARTHUR was born at Trichinopoly, South India, in 1900, and educated at the Scotland Mission High School at Chingleput in the Madras Presidency and at Findley College, Manarkudi, South India. Mr. Arthur's father became a Christian when he was 14 years old and following his marriage, both his father and mother were teachers in the Wesleyan Methodist Mission for over 30 years until their retirement. In 1920 he volunteered for service in the Posts and Telegraphs Dept. in Basrah, Iraq. After a brief return to his home he came to Singapore and took the regular three-year theological course in the Jean Hamilton Training School under the Rev. R. Dean Swift, principal.

Following the completion of his studies he was appointed assistant pastor of the Tamil Church at Ipoh and later was transferred to Sungei Siput, and then to Johore Bahru. While he was pastor of Sungei Siput and at Johore Bahru he started the Anglo Chinese Schools which since have grown into considerable institutions.

From 1934—'37 he was pastor of the Tamil Church in Kuala Lumpur and from 1937 to 1941 he was the pastor at Klang and at the same time served as headmaster of the Anglo Chinese Continuation School. In 1941 he was transferred to Malacca as pastor of the Tamil Church and he also taught in the A.C.C.S. He faithfully remained in Malacca throughout the Japanese Occupation when he and his family suffered many privations. Subsequently, in 1940, he was transferred to the Tamil Church in Penang. Mr. Arthur was admitted On Trial, in 1927, to the Malaya Annual Conference, and two years later was received into Full Membership. Since the war he has also taken the Normal Training Courses and was expecting to complete his third year in August this year. Unfortunately, Mr. Arthur has been invalided much of this year and is at present a patient in the General Hospital at Penang.

In 1927 Mr. Arthur was united in marriage to Miss Rajammal Gnanapragasam of Nebong Tebal, Province Wellesley. Her father served the British and Foreign Bible Society as a colporteur for over 20 years in Penang, Kedah, and Province Wellesley. Mrs. Arthur was a boarder in the Nind Home, Singapore, for 8 years and completed the Junior Cambridge studies at the Methodist Girls' School. She was a teacher in the Anglo Chinese School at Sungei Siput for several years, while her husband was stationed there as pastor, and has served as president of the Ladies Aid Society and recently of the W.S.C.S. at Johore Bahru, Kuala Lumpur, Klang, and Penang. Mrs. Arthur has also always assisted in the Sunday schools of her husband's parishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are the parents of 7 children, Alfred—19, Elsie—17, Hannah—16, Edwin—14, Jane—10, Vincent—7, Grace—4. All of the children, except the youngest, are in school at the A.C.S. and the A.C.G.S., Penang, and the eldest, Alfred, will sit in the School Certificate examination this year.

> "What social function gives you the jitters?" Shirley Temple, the movie actress was asked. "Cocktail parties," she replied. "I hate them. There's lot of false conversation and put-on sophistication, plus a room-full of people, most of whom you don't know, and all that is topped off by bits of ant-paste smeared on cold toast and leathery deviled eggs. I like teas. The food is better and so is the condition of the people who go to them."
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MYF

What's going on in the Malayan MYF

Compiled by ERIC WEE

Support your Secretary and the Central Office

IN THE JULY ISSUE of the "Malaysia Message" our Conference Secretary appealed for continued and fuller support of the Conference Secretary and the Council.

A change over of duties always takes time and adjustment and I take this privilege of adding my appeal to that of the Rev. Theodore R. Doraisamy. A new Council has been elected and this Council hopes to meet as soon as the opportunity comes—probably in October.

How effective this Council Meeting will be as to the planning of a forward programme will depend on the contribution made by all chapters. The work of rehabilitation, that has been so successfully carried out, was due to the fact that every Chapter throughout the length and breadth of Malaya was constantly in touch with Central Office. While appreciating this splendid response, I should like to plead for an even great support for the Council as it plans for the future. Chapters should send in their requirements to District Presidents so that planning on the line of Chapter needs can be done.

Through the kindness of the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, and the generosity of the young people in the USA. the latest MYF materials are now in my possession and I should like to make these available to all Chapters if there is a demand for them. I will appreciate it if all Chapters will write to me, send me their news for publication, and I'll be grateful for any advice as to programme helps on MYF work. I shall endeavour to meet all these needs as best I can.

These are troublous days for us in Malaya. The idealogy of strife and materialism that seems to be sweeping across our country must be met by the idealogy of love and unselfish service. We must take up the challenge and face it bravely.

I believe that the MYF is a potent force for good and can do great things for Christ, His Church and His Kingdom. The ecumenical movement is gaining much headway throughout the world today. Christians are beginning to realise that while each Church and its organisations are vital in its own community, a united effort and programme will be more powerful and effective. The MYF, too, with its chapters scattered throughout Malaya, doing its effective work among the young people in its towns and districts, can launch on a more effective programme if it becomes more Malaya conscious. This can come about if all chapters will keep in touch with the Central Office and help the Council to plan on a Malaya-wide scale. What an inspiration it will be to know that more than 30 other chapters are launching on the same types of programme as you are and working towards the same goals. Are you meeting the needs of your young people in the hope of eventually bringing them into this brotherhood and fellowship with Jesus Christ?

Constant touch with the Central Office will not mean that members will have to divide their loyalty between their own chapters, their District and the Central Office. On the contrary Districts and Chapters will be able to work more effectively when they can draw, at all times, from the experiences of those in the Council and from the materials that can be made available to them.

I trust that as we think of the days to come, as we ponder on the methods we should adopt to face the challenge of Communism and materialism, that we will pool together our resources and experiences. With the help of Jesus Christ, who is "Above All" in our lives, let us go forth in faith girded with a philosophy of unselfish Christian service to do our Master's bidding.

ERIC S. B. WEE, *Acting Secretary*

Miss Eva Loh (Secretary to the Editor) at the Birthday Party given to her by the Telok Ayer MYF. Mr. Harry Fang, President at her right; Mr. Peter Lim on the right of photograph

Singapore District Plans Methodist Youth Week

A Methodist Youth Week has been planned for 6—13 November 1948. The aim of this week is (1) to publicise the MYF and to get new members and (2) to raise funds for Religious Education through Visual Aid.

The main features of this Week will be two performances. "A Play" under the direction of Mrs. Celeste B. Amstutz and "A Concert" by the Singapore Methodist Youth Choir under the baton of Mr. Tan Hock San. Members of the various MYF's will participate in these performances in addition to the special membership drive which all MYF's will hold in their Chapters during this week.

Singapore MYF Send 45 For March Past

The first attempt by the Singapore Youth Council to gather the members of the various organisations together was made when representatives from all youth organizations met at Kallang. An Air Display organized by the Air Cadet Corps on September 4 provided the venue for this mass meeting. Uniformed members of the Boys' Brigade 100 strong led the march past followed by other representatives in uniform and in mufti. These made an excellent impression on the huge crowd especially as each contingent leader displayed a huge banner. Members of the MYF were represented by 45 Methodist Youth. The end of the column was a contingent of Boy Scouts. Being the first mass grouping of youth in Singapore the March Past certainly was a spectacular affair and displayed the vigour, cleanness and uprightness of our youth imbued with Christian principles and the philosophy of service.

MYF-Army Friendship

Through the good offices of the Singapore Social Welfare Department, MYF Chapter Officers in Singapore met officers of the 223 B.O.D. at the YMCA a few

weeks ago. An exchange of the needs of the two organisations was followed with practical planning to meet these needs.

MYF's in Singapore will open their doors to service men from the 223 B.O.D. and will try to make them feel "at home" here far away from their homes. Special gatherings and outings that will be of benefit to both parties are being planned. The 223 B.O.D. have the advantage of material supplies such as gymnastic equipment, tents for camping, launches for picnics, etc. which will be made available to our Chapters as soon as possible.

All MYF chapters are now attached to various Units of the 223 B.O.D. and in the very near future it is hoped that the plan of mutual help will be carried out successfully.

Tamil MYF, Malacca, Reorganised

We send our greetings to the Tamil MYF in Malacca whose new Cabinet is determined to carry on the MYF tradition. Their Bulletin No. 1 issued recently carried a note of faith and confidence and we wish them well.

In addition to a very full devotional programme they have planned, under the 2nd Commission, a weekly cottage prayer meeting to be held in the homes of members.

The President of this Chapter is Mr. M. S. Alfred and the Secretary Mr. E. V. Nesaratnam.

Mr. Edwin Yong, President, Wesley Singapore MYF, and some of his happy MYF'ers

Mermaids at the Wesley MYF Picnic

A letter from America

IN A LETTER RECEIVED from Mr. Philip Chow, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Chow Chee Yee, of the Singapore Cantonese Congregation, are several paragraphs that should be of special interest to the MYF. Philip is living with the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Schurr, formerly of Malaya. Mr. Schurr is the pastor the First Methodist Church at Tuscon, Arizona, where Philip is studying in the State University. Philip has much to say of the MYF in America, and we quote the following from his letter:—

"American Christian youths, unbelievable as it seems, have come to the full realization that knowing more of one another among the different peoples of the world is the only way to promote world brotherhood and to make the world *One World*. It was my privilege to witness their manifestations of this intention during this summer.

"Every year, during the summer vacation, a number of youth conferences, usually lasting 7 days, are held all over the U.S.A. The members of the conferences are selected youth leaders from the local churches and colleges and they are brought together to share and exchange views on various problems, which today confront Christian youth, so that they may be better equipped for tasks they face in their own community. Let me tell you about two such conferences I had the privilege to attend.

The conference in the Sacramento Mountains of California consisted of young people between the ages of 18 and 23. The faculty was composed of eminent pastors and college professors, each an expert in his own field. The programme each day, consisted of a morning watch, and then the morning and afternoon class periods. The young people were free to choose any two classes out of a total of ten. The classes were built around the various activities and aspects of the church ranging from evangelism to recreation. I was particularly impressed by the popularity of the class on "World Community and Friendship". It was heartening to see how interested the whole class was in learning about other countries, and especially Singapore. When I told them about the Christian movement in that part of the world, at first some of them certainly looked blank, and when I asked them what they knew about Singapore, some thought it was just a home of tigers. My job was by no means over when I finished my talk. On the contrary, it only kindled their thirst for more information. They started asking questions and more questions. In fact so many questions that I was kept busy a whole week answering them. The highlight of the programme came on the last night of this week of fellowship when the consecration service was held. It would be too lengthy to try to describe the entire service to you but it was wonderful. The march of the cross, the torch procession, the music, and even the bonfire itself created a perfect harmony of peace, hope, and spiritual exhiliration, that could only betoken the greatness of the Almighty God. That night, about 30 young people came forward and dedicated their lives to the Christ. I shall never forget that night up in the Sacramento Mountains.

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL . . .

H.B.A.

The Rev. Yeh Un Han, Editor of The Southern Bell

The Editors of the Chinese and Indian Methodist magazines were visitors in Singapore during the 2nd week of August. The REV. YEH UN HAN, pastor of the Hokien Methodist Congregation of Medan, and Editor of *The Southern Bell,* came over to make arrangements for the printing of this magazine in Singapore. At the same time he visited his father who is the pastor of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, 7½ milestone, Bukit Timah, Singapore. The Rev. J. W. A. KADIRGAMAR, pastor of the Tamil Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur, and Editor of *The Light of Salvation,* came to Singapore in order to see his family off to Ceylon.

On August 26th Miss KATHERINE BOEYE of Monrovia, California, was united in marriage to Bishop RALPH A. WARD of China. Miss Boeye was a missionary in China for many years. During the trouble in Nanking in 1926-'27, she was evacuated to Malaya, and assisted in the work in the Eveland Training School and Methodist Girls School for one year, after which she returned to Nanking. When the Japanese invaded China, she again had to evacuate, going with Bishop Ward and others by motor car overland to Chungking. In China she was on the staff of a large girls school and had a number of narrow escapes from bombing. In 1939 she was again evacuated, returning to her home in California. From then until a few months ago she served at the bedside of her mother until her death. The friends of Bishop and Mrs. Ward in Malaya wish them much happiness as they return to China.

Recent word from New York indicates that the Rev. H. F. KUEHN is making good progress under the care of the Medical Office of the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn left New York City about the end of September to take up residence with Mrs. Kuehn's parents at Rockford, Ohio. Word has also been received that Miss FREDA CHADWICK is making a good recovery from a major operation she had to undergo in a New York hospital.

Mr. ROBERT HO returned to Singapore from England on August 22. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Seng Ong and has come to Singapore to take up the position as an Assistant Lecturer in Geography at the Raffles College.

Mr. Ho completed his Senior Cambridge at the A.C.S. Malacca in 1938. He was admitted to the Raffles College in 1939 and was a student there at the outbreak of the war. Subsequently he worked in the Malayan Broadcasting Company under Dr. E. H. G. Dobby of Raffles College who was in charge of a unit. This unit was evacuated to India before the fall of Singapore and there Mr. Ho continued to work with the Far Eastern Broadcasting Bureau in New Delhi and Darjeeling. Dr. Dobby was instrumental in getting Mr. Ho a scholarship under the Colonial Office and in 1945 he was admitted into the King's College of the University of London. He has now secured a B.A. degree doing his major work in Geology and Geography. Mr. Ho will work with Dr. Dobby in the same field of work that his father had distinguished himself in previously.

On September 25th the church members of the Kampong Bahru and Beting Laus congregations in the Dindings held a memorial service in remembrance of Mrs. SHIH YU SHOU at the Methodist Church in Kampong Bahru. Mrs. Shih passed away on January 22nd, 1948. She was always actively engaged in the work of the church and for 35 years loyally assisted her husband in his pastoral work in Sitiawan and the Dindings district. Their son, Dr. SHIH SHUAN TOA who, is at present on the staff of the Union Hospital, Foochow, China, came home in time to attend the memorial service.

Mrs. PAUL S. H. HANG and daughter, MARY, left Singapore on July 29th for a visit in Hinghwa, China. Mrs. Hang, the aged mother of the Rev. Paul S. H. Hang has been very ill in the Methodist Hospital at Sienyu. They have gone to visit her and were happy to find that she has somewhat recovered her health. Rev. Hang's mother served as a Bible woman in the Methodist Church in Hinghwa for 21 years. If her health permits she hopes to come to Singapore and live with her son and family here.

Bishop TITUS LOWE formally retired at the General Conference, and then at his Jurisdictional Conference which took place in July. Upon his election to the Episcopacy he was assigned to the Singapore area where he served as our Bishop from 1924 to '28. Subsequently, he served in the Pacific North West area and then for many years as Bishop of the Indiana area. Upon his retirement he was asked to take charge of the M.C.O.R (Methodist Church Overseas Relief) following Bishop Herbert Welch, by whose name this fund has been known in Malaya.

BISHOP and MRS. EDWIN F. LEE arrived in Indianapolis on July 6th for the Jurisdictional Conference, to which he was attached, and at which session he would formally retire. The day before the Conference met he suddenly became ill and was taken to the large Methodist Hospital where he subsequently had to undergo a serious operation. He made a good convalescence and a fortnight later, returned with Mrs. Lee to her brother's home in Fayette, Iowa.

A letter from Mrs. Lee dated August 29th reveals that soon after returning to her home the Bishop had a relapse and is still seriously ill. After a short stay in a local hospital, he was taken to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, as an emergency case. Mrs. Lee writes that the Bishop has now been in hospital for a total of two months and that he will have to be hospitalized for at least another month, and then return to the clinic for monthly treatment.

A letter from America

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The conference of Lake Tahoe in California was more or less a repetition of what I had experienced at Sacramento. However, there was no consecration service at the close of the conference, which I think was a pity. In every other way, this conference too was very stimulating. There was this difference, the classes were called "workshops". The reason being that they were more of a discussion than formal lecture periods. The young people attending this conference were from 8 different Western States; all of them were college students, a few had already decided to join the Christian Ministry. A great many of our Methodist Colleges and Universities have a Methodist Student Organisation and Center, called the Wesley Foundation. Most of the leaders and officers of this conference were representatives from these various Wesley Foundations. Again, I was asked all sorts of questions about Malaya.

I wish I had time to write more about these conference experiences. Here is my wish to the Malayan MYF for a progressive and successful future."

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